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## **Fremont-Winema Mitigation Fund Request for Proposals**

### **Introduction**

The Klamath River Basin of northern California and south-central Oregon is ten million acre basin that ranges from the dry forests and high desert of Oregon to the temperate north coast of California. In Oregon, The Winema and Fremont National Forests, northeast of Klamath Falls and northwest of Lakeview have long been managed for multiple use, which, prior to 1995, primarily meant commodity extraction, and since then has been more balanced, but the forests and watersheds remain degraded by past logging, grazing, roads, and fire suppression.

Oregon Wild and Ruby Pipeline, LLC have reached a mutually agreeable settlement by which Oregon Wild agrees to withdraw its objections to Ruby's natural gas pipeline, and Ruby agrees to fund some additional forest and watershed mitigation projects under the direction of Oregon Wild in Oregon's Klamath Basin. Oregon Wild is currently requesting proposals to utilize the Fremont-Winema Mitigation Fund in the Upper Klamath Lake basin. Details regarding proposal components can be found below.

### *Oregon Wild*

Founded in 1974, Oregon Wild works to protect and restore Oregon's wildlands, wildlife and waters as an enduring legacy for all Oregonians. Oregon Wild (formerly the Oregon Natural Resources Council or ONRC) with approximately 7,000 members and supporters has been instrumental in securing permanent legislative protection for some of Oregon's most precious landscapes, including nearly 1.5 million acres of Wilderness and almost 1,700 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers. Our wilderness, old-growth forest and clean rivers/watersheds programs protect pristine drinking water, unparalleled recreation opportunities and fish and wildlife habitat across Oregon. Oregon Wild's work in the Klamath Basin extends across two decades, and includes citizen enforcement of federal environmental laws as a means of protecting threatened and endangered species and National Wildlife Refuges. Oregon Wild is headquartered in Portland, OR with field offices in Eugene and Bend.

### **Guidelines for Proposal Preparation (Proposal Components)**

Oregon Wild is seeking proposals to its Fremont-Winema Mitigation Fund for implementation of high priority forest and watershed restoration projects in Oregon's Klamath Basin.

Organizations and agencies interested in submitting a proposal to Oregon Wild should include the components listed below:

1. Identify implementing organization or agency (project proposer), with contact information for applicable personnel and organizational tax identification number.

2. Executive Summary (include a *brief* description of the problem, proposed solution, anticipated project benefits, and how the funds will be used).
3. Project description (type of project i.e. land acquisition, forest restoration, riparian fencing, etc.; project objectives; project implementation approach; how the project specifically fulfills below stated criteria).
4. Timeline for proposed project (project duration, schedule, post-project next steps, etc.).
5. Budget (include categories for personnel, subcontractors, materials and supplies, operating expenses, administrative overhead, long-term maintenance, other taxes and fees, and matching funds, if available).
6. Current insurance coverage as it applies to these types of restoration projects, and details regarding your willingness and ability to improve/increase coverage should the contract require it. If all the work is subcontracted, insurance still must be appropriately secured.
7. Three references of entities that can verify applicant's qualifications and competency in completing past projects and the proposed project.

Additional details regarding select proposal components can be found below.

If an interested agency or organization has recently completed (within the last year) a similar land acquisition or forest restoration project proposal (RFP) for another granting agency, they are encouraged to submit the same proposal to Oregon Wild. The proposal can be submitted using the other agency's format; however, the repeat proposal must be accompanied by a two page description that includes:

- Identity of the implementing organization or agency, with contact information for applicable personnel.
- Executive Summary (include a *brief* description of the problem, proposed solution, anticipated project benefits, and how the funds will be used).
- What components of the existing project or proposal will fulfill Oregon Wild's specific project criteria?
- How the Fremont-Winema Mitigation Funds will be utilized in the existing project or proposal?
- Three references of entities that can verify applicant's qualifications and competency in completing past projects and the proposed project.

### **Project Criteria**

Projects submitted and/or selected for review **must** fulfill the following criteria:

- Project budgets should not exceed \$800,000, the approximate size of the fund. Projects of all sizes will be considered, those with matching or additional funds may be given preference.
- The project is located in the watersheds of the Lost River, Sprague River, Sycan River, or Williamson River in Klamath and Lake Counties, Oregon. Proposed projects in adjacent watersheds may be considered if they have very significant conservation benefits.
- Potentially suitable projects may include but are not limited to: land acquisition, water right acquisition, grazing permit retirement, conservation easements, high priority conservation research, and/or physical restoration of process, structure and function of existing forests and watersheds.

- The project reduces past or ongoing damage to existing degradation of fish and wildlife habitat, such as caused by forestry practices, grazing practices, or agricultural practices, fire exclusion, road construction, etc. that harm fish and wildlife and their habitat.
- Projects are aimed toward long-term (+20 year) solutions that maintain restored forest conditions, regional wildlife habitat, and potentially improved water quality conditions for the long-term ecological health of the region.

Projects submitted and/or selected for review must fulfill **at least three** of the following criteria:

- The project contributes to meeting regional restoration priorities involving forest or watershed health.
- The project rehabilitates riparian habitat along the identified Upper Klamath Basin tributaries. Riparian rehabilitation must promote reduction of temperature, erosion, sedimentation, and nutrients in unhealthy waterways.
- Project goal includes the protection and restoration of threatened mature & old-growth forests.
- Project successfully assembles large contiguous landscapes with owners that hold clear conservation goals.
- Project is designed to protect and restore habitat for species of high conservation concern
- Project is designed to protect and restore structure/function/process in key streams in key watersheds (list them).

Please note:

- Leveraging of matching funds and/or in-kind gifts is highly desirable and improves likelihood of funding, but not required.
- Project planning, design, and engineering proposals, as well as on-the-ground implementation of projects, are eligible, as long as the long-term goals of the project meet the aforementioned criteria.
- Applicant is required to obtain all land use or others permits necessary to implement the project and comply with Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and other applicable regulations.

## **Proposal Component Details**

### *Timeline*

Projects are welcome to include a timeline of their choice. If the project is already underway, please let us know how these funds might fit into your existing timeline and budget. Proposals for projects underway are encouraged, but not necessarily given preference. **Oregon Wild is seeking proposals no later than August 30, 2010**, and aims to begin disbursing funds for worthy restoration activities as early as fall 2010.

### *Budget*

As noted in the Project Criteria, above, proposal budgets should not exceed \$800,000. Funds for the selected project will be available to the proposing organization or agency in a timely manner. Applicants should include all current and future project budget needs in their proposals.

### *Insurance*

Please provide sufficient documentation or discussion regarding insurance coverage (e.g. General Commercial Liability; Umbrella; Employers' Liability; Business Auto Liability; etc.) of the participating organizations, as it applies to the project.

### **Deliverables**

Upon completion of the selected project, the chosen organization or agency will be expected to submit a final report to Oregon Wild. The final report (approximately 5 pages) should include how the project was completed as proposed, a record of activities and their completion dates, how the project was modified and why, and photographs of the project. A field tour for representatives of Oregon Wild and Ruby Pipeline, LLC of the completed project area is encouraged.

### **How and What to Submit**

Please submit a proposal with the aforementioned components, including organizational information and contacts (including name, address, phone, and email), executive summary, project description, budget, insurance coverage, timeline, and references.

Proposals should be submitted electronically to:  
Ani Kame'enui, Healthy Rivers Campaign Coordinator  
Email to [ak@oregonwild.org](mailto:ak@oregonwild.org)  
Phone until August 1<sup>st</sup>: (503) 283-6343 ext. 205

If USPS is necessary, please mail to:  
Doug Heiken  
Oregon Wild  
Fremont-Winema Mitigation Fund  
P.O. Box 11648  
Eugene, OR 97440-3848

### **Deadline**

Proposals must arrive at Oregon Wild via email **no later than August 30, 2010**.  
With the advice of select experts, Oregon Wild will review proposals during September.  
The selection committee anticipates project selection by mid-fall.

### **Questions?**

Questions regarding the Fremont-Winema Mitigation Fund can be directed to Ani Kame'enui (before August 1<sup>st</sup> or after September 1<sup>st</sup>) or Doug Heiken of Oregon Wild throughout the summer. Contact information for Mr. Heiken is provided below:

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